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SUBJECT: TRINIDAD UNLIKELY TO JOIN CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL  
FLEET (NAMUCAR)

REF: A) POS 1053; B) POS 273

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1. CONVERSATIONS WITH THE TRINIDADIAN DELEGATES TO THE MAY 26 SAN JOSE MEETING, AS WELL AS STATEMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS, HAVE NOT ADDED ANYTHING TO SUBSTANCE OF DELIBERATIONS ALREADY REPORTED BY OTHER POSTS, BUT DO LEAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO IS UNLIKELY TO JOIN IN THE FORMATION OF THE PROPOSED REGIONAL SHIPPING FLEET.

2. ACCORDING TO ONE OF THE TRINIDADIAN DELEGATES, THE GOTT FIRST CONSIDERED AND THEN REJECTED SENDING MINISTER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SHAM MOHAMMED TO THE SAN JOSE CONFERENCE. INSTEAD, THE GOTT SENT AGAIN THE SAME TWO NON-GOVERNMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE EARLIER MEXICO CITY MEETING, AND EMPOWERED THEM TO DO LITTLE MORE THAN REPORT BACK TO CABINET ABOUT THE SAN JOSE DELIBERATIONS. THE DELEGATE SAID THAT JAMAICA LOBBIED STRONGLY FOR TRINIDAD'S SUPPORT FOR A JAMAICAN MOVE TO HAVE THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FLEET LOCATED IN KINGSTON (TO GIVE THE FLEET A MORE CARIBBEAN FLAVOR), BUT THE TRINIDADIANS SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO SUPPORT JAMAICA SINCE THIS MIGHT HAVE COMMITTED TRINIDAD TO EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE VENTURE.

3. THE WEEK AFTER RECEIVING THE TRINIDAD DELEGATION'S REPORT ABOUT THE MEXICO CITY MEETING (REF A), PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS SCORNFULLY REFERRED TO THE SHIPPING PROPOSAL AS INVOLVING TOO MANY NATIONS AND LIKELY TO BE DOMINATED BY MEXICO. HE TOLD A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF HIS RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT THAT THE CARIBBEAN MULTINATIONAL FLEET WOULD BE UNWIELDY AND UNLIKELY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THE SHIPPING NEEDS OF THE ENGLISH-SPEAKING "MINI-STATES," WHICH WHEN THEY GAIN INDEPENDENCE WILL NEED SUBSIDIES AND ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR RELATIVELY MORE WEALTHY CARIBBEAN NEIGHBORS.  
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